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## REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER 37 CFR §1.26

Sir:

On June 21, 2002, Applicants filed a second Continued Prosecution Application (CPA), along with a three-month extension fee of \$460.00, in the above-captioned case. Under recent changes to rule 1.53 (d), a CPA application may only be filed for cases filed before May 29, 2000. On June 28, 2001, a first CPA was filed in this case, which established a new filing date, thereby invoking the May 29, 2000 critical date. Therefore, Applicants' second CPA filed June 21, 2002, was improper. As a result, the Examiner determined that the second filing was an incomplete response and the case was considered abandoned. In view of the erroneous filing of the second CPA, Applicants hereby request a refund of \$460.00 for the three-month extension of time, filed with the second CPA.

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